

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL,
1926

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Mr. MADDEN, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10404]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 10404) making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 12, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 40.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 37, and 41, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 15:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 15, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$4,868,912; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 16:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 16, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$8,193,915; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$35,000; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 19:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 19, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$1,138,980; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 20:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 20, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$1,502,188; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 35:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 35, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$719,748; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 36:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 36, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$2,390,600; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 38:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 38, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$4,138,056; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 39:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 39, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$1,792,498; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 43:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 43, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert \$124,774,441; and the Senate agree to the same.

The committee of conference have not agreed on amendment numbered 42.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 10404) making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and for other purposes, submit the following written statement explaining the effect of the action agreed on by the conference committee and submitted in the accompanying conference report:

No. 1: Strikes out the language, inserted by the Senate, authorizing the President in meritorious cases to direct that the salaries of persons paid under the classification act might exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade in those grades where only one position is allocated.

No. 2: Strikes out the language, inserted by the Senate, authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to fix rates of compensation of civilian employees in the field services of the Department of Agriculture in accordance with rates established by the classification act of 1923 for positions in the departmental service in the District of Columbia.

Nos. 3 and 4, relating to the Bureau of Animal Industry: Appropriates \$1,896,110, as proposed by the House, instead of \$1,904,420, as proposed by the Senate, for additional expenses in carrying out the provisions of the meat inspection act, and corrects a total in the bill.

Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, relating to the Bureau of Plant Industry: Appropriates \$108,095, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$106,000, as proposed by the House, for the investigation of diseases of forest and ornamental trees, and inserts the language proposed by the Senate providing that not more than \$10,000 may be expended for the employment of pathologists in connection with forest experiment stations; appropriates \$699,340, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$680,000, as proposed by the House, for the investigation and improvement of cereals; appropriates \$140,695, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$130,695, as proposed by the House, for sugar-plant investigations; appropriates \$154,825, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$149,825, as proposed by the House, for the investigation and improvement of fruits, etc.; and corrects totals in the bill.

Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, relating to the Forest Service: Strikes out the language proposed by the Senate which provided that so much of the appropriation for fighting forest fires as might be necessary should be immediately available; appropriates \$50,000 and inserts the language proposed by the Senate for cooperation with the War Department in establishing an airplane patrol to prevent forest fires; appropriates \$25,000, as proposed by the House, instead of \$50,000, as proposed by the Senate, for the construction of sanitary facilities on public camp grounds in the national forests; corrects totals in the bill; and inserts the word "departmental" as proposed

by the Senate in the limitation upon the amount which may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Nos. 18, 19, and 20, relating to the Bureau of Chemistry: Appropriates \$35,000 instead of \$50,000, as proposed by the Senate, and \$30,000, as proposed by the House, for the investigation and demonstration of improved methods of preparing naval stores and the enforcement of the naval stores act; and corrects totals in the bill.

Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, relating to the Bureau of Soils: Appropriates \$25,640, as proposed by the House, instead of \$30,640, as proposed by the Senate, for chemical investigations of soil types; appropriates \$13,145 as proposed by the House, instead of \$15,145, as proposed by the Senate, for physical investigations of the important properties of soil which determine productivity, and corrects totals in the bill, including the adjustment of the sum which may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Nos. 26, 27, 28, and 29, relating to the Bureau of Entomology: Appropriates \$75,000, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$73,590, as proposed by the House, for investigations of insects affecting forests; and corrects totals in the bill, including the adjustment of the sum which may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

Nos. 30, 31, 32, and 33, relating to the Bureau of Biological Survey: Appropriates \$58,215, as proposed by the House, instead of \$55,000, as proposed by the Senate, for the maintenance of bird and mammal reservations; restores the language proposed to be stricken out by the Senate providing that \$12,000 may be used for the construction of a highway through Sullys Hill National Park; and corrects totals in the bill.

Nos. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39, relating to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics: Appropriates \$550,988, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$542,865, as proposed by the House, for disseminating useful information on subjects connected with the marketing, handling, and distribution of farm products, and inserts the language proposed by the Senate which provides that \$25,000, or so much as may be necessary, shall be available for completion of the investigation of the economic costs of retail marketing of meat and meat products; inserts the language proposed by the Senate to make effective agreements made or to be made with cotton associations in foreign countries for the adoption of universal standards of cotton classification, etc., and corrects totals in the bill, including the adjustment of the sum which may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia.

No. 40: Strikes out the language proposed by the Senate authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to apportion the sum of \$7,500,000 among the several States and Territories and to enter into contractual obligations upon the part of the Government for the payment of obligations incurred in the construction of forest roads and trails.

No. 41: Inserts the word "departmental" as proposed by the Senate in the limitation upon personal services in the District of Columbia in the appropriation for carrying out the provisions of the Federal highway act.

No. 43: Corrects the total of the bill.

The committee of conference have not agreed to the following amendment of the Senate:

No. 42: Relating to language proposed by the Senate authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into leases for several buildings for a period of not to exceed 10 years.

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